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REPORTS INDICATE NORTHEAST COMPLETELY CALM FOLLOWING

DECLARATION SECOND INSTITUTIONAL ACT. MEASURE WELCOMED

ENTHUSIASTICALLY BY MILITARY AND CONSERVATIVE CLASSES. MESSAGES

OF SUPPORT ALREADY SENT BY GOVERNORS OF PERNAMBUCO, PARAIBA,

AND ALAGOAS, AS WELL AS RECIFE CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

SATISFACTION ALSO EXPRESSED PERNAMBUCO ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

AND RECIFE MAYOR. BOTH RECIFE PAPERS EDITORIALY WELCOME NEW

ACT. REACTION IN JUDICIARY REPORTED SO FAR RESERVED AND

MIXED PERNAMBUCO STATE PARTY LEADERS MOSTLY DECLINE PUBLIC

COMMENT EXCEPT TO INDICATE LACK OF CONCERN THAT DISSOLUTION

EXISTING POLITICAL PARTIES WOULD AFFECT THEM.

MILITARY AND POLICE IN VARIOUS STAGES OF ALERT; ESPECIALLY

POLICE WHO ALL RECALLED TO DUTY. FOURTH ARMY ISSUED GENERAL

ORDER HAILING ACT AND AFFIRMING INTENTION MAINTAIN ABSOLUTE

ORDER. POLICE ARRESTED SOME TWENTY-TWO LEFTISTS INCLUDING

FORMER PRESIDENT RECIFE CITY COUNCIL CARLOS DUARTE, FORMER

SECURITY SECRETARY FERNANDO TASSO DE SOUZA, EX-ARREAES AIDE

ANTONIO CARLOS CINTRA DO AMARAL, AND TWO RELATIVES FRANCIS

CIO JULIAO.

ACTION

NEGATIVE REACTIONS WILL TAKE LONGER TO DEVELOP, BUT WILL NO

DOUBT APPEAR AMONG STUDENTS, DOCTRINAIRE LEFTISTS AND SOME

LIBERALS, AND SOME FANS KUBITSCREK AND LACERDA, NOT TO MENTION

OPPOSITION TO SPECIFIC POINTS BY LEGISLATOR; JUDICIARY,

AND POLITICIANS WHOSE PREROGATIVES DIRECTLY AFFECTED. ONE

SIGNIFICANT LOCAL PTB SOURCE HAS PRIVATELY EXPRESSED REGRET CONGRESS

FAILURE ENACT ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED LEGISLATION, THUS

BRINGING ON ACT.

REACTIONS IN NORTHEAST DELAYED BECAUSE RADIO BROADCAST FROM

BRASILIA PARTLY UNINTELLIGIBLE, AND ACCURATE TEXT OF ACT

ONLY AVAILABLE THIS MORNING.

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COMMENT: CONGEN ANTICIPATES NO THREATS TO ORDER AS RESULT
NEW ACT. MANY WELCOME IT, AND OPPOSITION IS LIKELY TO REMAIN
THEORETICAL UNTIL IT IS KNOWN HOW NEW EXECUTIVE POWERS WILL
BE USED IN PRACTICE.

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